

PAYING TRIBUTE TO TERRY
PHILLIPS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity and pay tribute to Terry Phillips and thank him for his dedication to Colorado and his community as a two-term State Senator. The level of energy and integrity that he has brought to the General Assembly throughout his years of public service are truly outstanding. As Terry celebrates his retirement, let it be known that he leaves behind a great legacy of commitment to the people of Colorado and the Colorado General Assembly.

A Boulder County Assessor from 1989 to 1997, Terry was elected from District 17 to serve the community of Boulder in the State Senate in 1996, and subsequently in 2000. As a dedicated public servant, Terry also is a member of the Colorado Student Loan Program Advisory Committee, Executive Committee for the Council of State Governments West, Water Policy Committee, and the State/Local Forum and Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations. For this current term he serves as a member of the Appropriations, Business Affairs & Labor, Finance, and Joint Computer Management Committees. Some of the honors he has received for his significant accomplishments while serving in the General Assembly include the Colorado Assessors' Association Legislator of the Year award in 2002, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center Alumni Legislative Award in 2000, and the University of Colorado Boulder Alumni Legislative Award in 1999.

Mr. Speaker, it is quite clear that Terry Phillips is a person that has displayed a terrific level of dedication and commitment to his life long pursuit of public service. Terry's selfless dedication to his Boulder community and the State of Colorado is truly outstanding, and it is my privilege to recognize him today before this body of Congress and this nation. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF STEPHEN D.
HILLER

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

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Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, Spc. Stephen D. "Dusty" Hiller, 25, of Killeen, Texas, died on April 4, 2004, in Iraq. Spc. Hiller was a member of the Army's 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, based at Fort Hood, Texas, and was killed when his unit was attacked near Baghdad. He is survived by his wife Lesley and their four children, and is the son of Elizabeth Hiller of Opelika, and Steve and Glenda Hiller of Waverly.

Stephen Hiller was eager to serve his country, Mr. Speaker, and earned the nickname "Dusty" from his father. After attending Opelika High School, in 1998 he pursued his dream of serving in the military and enlisted in the Army. He later served in the Alabama National Guard. Like every other soldier, he duti-

fully left behind his family and loved ones to serve our country overseas.

Words cannot express the sense of sadness we have for his family, and for the gratitude our country feels for his service. Spc. Hiller died serving not just the United States, but the entire cause of liberty, on a noble mission to help spread the cause of freedom in Iraq and liberate an oppressed people from tyrannical rule.

We will forever hold him closely in our hearts, and remember his sacrifice and that of his family as a remembrance of his bravery and willingness to serve.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the House's remembrance on this mournful day.

HONORING ZOILA PEREZ ROBAINA

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Zoila Perez Robaina on her 90th birthday. On Sunday, April 18, 2004, Mrs. Perez Robaina celebrated this momentous occasion with her closest friends and family.

Zoila Perez Robaina was born in Consolacion del Sur, Pinar del Rio, Cuba on April 22, 1914. She was one of 11 children born to Encarnación Robaina Gonzalez and Antonio Perez Robaina. At a young age in Cuba, Mrs. Perez Robaina took an apprenticeship in embroidery and fashion design. Once she was proficient, she began a private business from her home specializing in infant clothing and bridal accessories.

After sustaining 10 years under the Castro regime, Mrs. Perez Robaina, who met her husband Wilfredo Alfonso Ortega in Cuba, left the island with her daughter in 1969 and made her way to Newark, New Jersey. Her husband was forced to stay in order to be supportive of their son, Lazaro, who had been imprisoned for his political pursuits against the revolution. It was 4 years until the entire family was finally reunited in the United States.

Once in New Jersey, Mrs. Perez Robaina worked tirelessly at Koryette's Department store as an inventory clerk to provide for her family. She was a dedicated parishioner of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. After the passing of her husband in 1981, Mrs. Perez Robaina moved to the City of North Bergen where she began to attend Our Lady of Libera church. During her time at both Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and Our Lady of Libera Church, she was an active member of Mary's Legion.

Mrs. Perez Robaina is the loving mother of two children, Lazaro and Gloria, and the proud grandmother of 7 grandchildren. And at the age of 90 years, she is an integral part of her family, with her infectious energy and love.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Zoila Perez Robaina in celebration of her 90th birthday. I wish her good health and happiness in the years to come.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
DYLAN FOWKES

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

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Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Dylan Fowkes has devoted himself to serving others through his membership in the Boy Scouts of America; and

Whereas, Dylan Fowkes has shared his time and talent with the community in which he resides; and

Whereas, Dylan Fowkes has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, Dylan Fowkes must be commended for the hard work and dedication he put forth in earning the Eagle Scout Award;

Therefore, I join with Troop 23 and the entire 18th Congressional District in congratulating Dylan Fowkes as he receives the Eagle Scout Award.

TRIBUTE TO TAIWAN RELATIONS
ACT

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2004

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the people of the Republic of China on Taiwan and to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act. Originated in the Congress, the Act protects a people who would otherwise be at the mercy of their larger cousins across the Strait.

The Act, signed into law by President Jimmy Carter on April 10, 1979, forms the basis for the security of our most important Asian ally and trading partner. It has enabled that beleaguered island to become an economic and political miracle.

Mr. Speaker, Taiwan enjoys a vibrant democracy, with competitive political parties participating in free and open elections. Its government and its market-based economy are models for those nations struggling to lift themselves out of the poverty Taiwan once suffered.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CARL
MILLER

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity and pay tribute to Carl Miller and thank him for his dedication to Colorado as a four-term representative in the State House of Representatives. Carl has brought an outstanding level of energy and integrity to the State House throughout his years of public service, and as he celebrates his retirement, let it be known that he leaves behind a great legacy of commitment to the people of Colorado and the Colorado General Assembly.